

# FOND DU LAC COUNTY SAFE RESTART GUIDELINES AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION FAQ'S



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Health Department**

**Q1: Why didn't we have have this a month ago when Safer at Home was overturned?**

**A:** After the Safer at Home Orders #28 were overturned the Badger Back Plan was still in effect. The Fond du Lac County Health Department was trying to align with the Badger Bounce Back plan to have consistency within our county and the state guidance.

Unfortunately, when the orders overturned, the Badger Bounce Back plan did not move forward as it was anticipated to provide additional guidance to our residents and businesses.

**Q2. Can you explain the need and reason behind this plan after a month of Fond du Lac County being open following safer at home?**

**A:** Although the orders were overturned, it did not negate the need for guidance for our residents and businesses in Fond du Lac County. With the Badger Bounce Back Plan still in effect, we tried to follow that guidance as closely as possible. We were anticipating that the State would have provided more guidance for local health departments on how to proceed after the orders were overturned. That did not happen so we determined that a county specific plan would be appropriate.

**Q3: Will the capacity limits be enforced in any way? Some bars, restaurants, and non- essential businesses are already open and operating without capacity limits.**

**A:** Due to public health and law enforcement capacity, we are not able to enforce the recommendations released. We are relying on our businesses to do what is right for their customers, residents and our county as a whole. By following these recommendations, we can move into the next phase allowing for the capacity to be increased within our businesses.

**Q4: Why aren't masks mandatory in stores, etc.?**

**A:** The Health Department at this time is recommending that all Fond du Lac County residents wear a face covering while in public. It has been proven that social distancing and use of face coverings is helping with the spread of the virus. As a whole community, we can work to reduce the spread if we follow these recommendations.

**Q5: Can establishments require food service staff to wear masks when working?**

**A:** A business can require their own employees to wear masks while working. Again, this will help with reducing the spread of the virus in our county.

**Q6: What is the difference between the capacity limit in business and gatherings?**

**A:** The Safe Restart Plan refers to capacity when discussing our businesses. This helps with social distancing within the business, in return reducing the spread of the virus. When the plan refers to gatherings this means outside of the business environment. Some examples of gatherings would be celebrations such as graduations, weddings and birthdays, outdoor concerts, picnics, or fairs.

**Q7: What happens when you do not follow the plan?**

**A:** If you do not follow the recommendations in the Safe Restart Plan we continue to put our community at risk. The recommendations are meant to help prevent the spread of the virus in Fond du Lac County and allows for us to transition into the next phase of the plan.

**Q8: Why did we not increase the capacity for businesses when unfolding the plan?**

**A:** After the orders were overturned many businesses were trying their best to follow WEDC guidance and doing their part to reduce the spread of the virus in Fond du Lac County. We do acknowledge and are aware of multiple businesses in our county not following the recommendations.

The Health Department continues to educate and share current information with all businesses on safe practices during this time and the importance of voluntarily complying with those. We use WEDC, DATCP, DHS and DSPS as our guidance source. You can also find these links on our website as well.

When preparing this plan, we looked at what our neighboring counties were planning as well. The phases of 25, 50 and 75% capacity is used throughout many local health department plans and to stay consistent, we used that same metrics in our plan.